

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

[0018] FIG. 5a shows a fitment apparatus engaged to an interface.

FIG. 5b shows an alternative fitment apparatus engaged to an interface.

[0029] FIG. 5a shows a closer view of the fitment apparatus 10 and the interface 34. As pictured, the interface 34 can be designed to receive the fitment apparatus 10. The interface 34 can have a notch 36 of predetermined dimensions for purposes of receiving the fitment apparatus 10. In one arrangement, the interface 34 can have a notch 36 of a predetermined size such that the notch 36 can snugly fit the outer perimeter 19 of the projection assembly 14. This embodiment can help hold the fitment apparatus 10 in place during the loading/unloading or shipping processes and can serve as a backup if one or more of the engaging structures 26 should fail or be damaged. The invention, however, is not limited in this regard, as the interface 34 can incorporate any other suitable design and the notch 36 can have any suitable dimensions for receiving the fitment apparatus 10. As an example, the interface 34 can merely engage the engaging structures 26 in order to secure the fitment apparatus 10 to the interface 34. Such an embodiment can establish even greater uniformity throughout the fitment industry, as fitment apparatuses 10 with no or relatively small outer perimeters 19 can be secured to a uniform interface 34. For instance, as shown in FIG. 5b, a fitment apparatus 10 with a large opening 20, no support ribs 18 and having the engaging structures 26 located on the projection 16 could be secured to the interface 34. Different fitment apparatuses 10 may be used interchangeably with the interface 34.

[0030] In operation, the projection assembly 14 of the fitment apparatus 10 can be inserted through the notch 36 of the interface 34. In the arrangement illustrated in FIG. 5a, as the projection assembly 14 moves through the notch 36, the inner surfaces of the interface 34 can

engage the engaging structures 26 and can force the engaging structures 26 towards the center of the projection assembly 14. Once the engaging structures 26 move beyond the notch 36, the engaging structures 26 can snap back into place and can engage the outer surfaces of the interface 34 thereby securing the fitment apparatus 10 to the interface 34. The flange 12 can prevent the fitment apparatus 10 from passing completely through the notch 36 of the interface 34, as the flange 12 typically extends beyond the predetermined dimensions of the notch 36. It should be noted that this is merely one example of the operation of the invention, as the engaging structures 26 can incorporate any other design capable of allowing the fitment apparatus 10 to pass through the interface 34 while at the same time securing the fitment apparatus to the interface 34 once the fitment apparatus 10 is properly received by the interface 34.